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Subject: House Resolution 560

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In answer to questions of criticism on H. Res. 560,

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Embassy should respond as follows:

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Intention of House was to express itself on dealing with problem international communist movement in Western Hemisphere within terms Rio Treaty and Ninth MFM Resolution. Legislative intent this respect made clear in speech by Congressman Selden, sponsor of resolution, on House floor which contained statement substantially as quoted ref: cirtel. Department did not disagree with this intent.

Department believed that House intent might not be clear on face of resolution and that resolution might be misinterpreted. Consequently, Department official, in testimony before Selden Committee, suggested changes in resolution to make language conform more closely to Ninth MFM resolution. Thus, as to text adopted Department

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urged final Whereas clause be amended by insertion phrase "by the use of self-defense" before phrase "in either individual or collective form" to correspond Ninth MFM Res I(5) and therefore not give impression U.S. might act in manner/~~consistent with~~ inconsistent with this paragraph. Dept. also urged deletion phrase "subversive domination or threat of it" in operative paragraph one and substitution phrase "aggression and intervention" since Ninth MFM only concerned itself with acts in latter category.

Embassy should stress that, despite fact Department suggestions not accepted, clear and stated intent of House was to conform to Inter-American Treaties and Resolutions. While language of resolution may not technically be correct, it is intent, and not form, that Latin governments should look to. Should also be stressed that H.R. 560 only expresses sense of House and thus ~~is not accurate statement of Executive policy.~~
~~does not affect Executive policy~~

USG will continue to act strictly in accordance Rio Treaty, Ninth MFM res., and other applicable treaties and resolutions.

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Legislative history and text H.R. 560 directed at reaffirming Ninth MFM Res I(5) which was proposed by Argentina and received 15 affirmative votes including Columbia and Peru.

Selden speech and statement by Department official before Selden Committee being pouched separately.

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